



Fwd: Sleeping in a federal building

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To: Justin Bigelow - M1 <justin.bigelow@gsa.gov>

Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:38 AM

Justin

This is the email that started the sleeping in Federal Buildings Bulletin. Ron has since retired, so I do not know those regional staff that raised the issue with Ron.

Chris



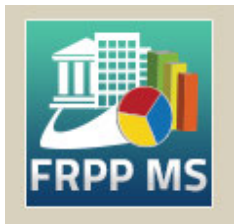
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From: **Ronald Whitley - PME** <ronald.whitley@gsa.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 3:32 PM
Subject: Fwd: Sleeping in a federal building
To: Chris Coneeney <chris.coneeney@gsa.gov>
Cc: Patrick Fee <patrick.fee@gsa.gov>

Good Afternoon Chris

Recently some regions have been questioned about whether employees can sleep in our buildings overnight. There is currently no specific prohibition to this practice in the FMR. We would like to pursue adding the following language to the section on disturbances in the FMR. Please see the item below in yellow font. Can you please let us know how this can be done through your office? Thank you.

Disturbances (41 CFR 102–74.390).

All persons entering in or on Federal property are prohibited from loitering, exhibiting disorderly conduct or exhibiting other conduct on property that—

- (a) Creates loud or unusual noise or a nuisance;
- (b) Unreasonably obstructs the usual use of entrances, foyers, lobbies, corridors, offices, elevators, stairways, or parking lots;
- (c) Otherwise impedes or disrupts the performance of official duties by Government employees; or
- (d) Prevents the general public from obtaining the administrative services provided on the property in a timely manner

(e) Unofficially lives or sleeps in the building space during non-working hours. This activity is prohibited unless the person can justify to management just cause why and how this activity is a furtherance to conducting government official business. Approval by management is required on a case by case basis.

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From: **Patrick Fee - PME** <patrick.fee@gsa.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 2:39 PM
Subject: Re: Sleeping in a federal building
To: Ronald Whitley - PME <ronald.whitley@gsa.gov>
Cc: Scott Glaser <scott.glaser@gsa.gov>

Hi Ron

Please forward to Chris and get his take on the next steps.

Thanks
Pat

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On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 2:09 PM Ronald Whitley - PME <ronald.whitley@gsa.gov> wrote:
Hi Pat

In my opinion this is a OGP call. Suggest submitting the following to OGP [Aluanda Drain or (Acting Chris Coneeney)] and request that their office prepare a FMR bulletin for coordination and preparation.

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On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 1:52 PM Patrick Fee - PME <patrick.fee@gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ron

What steps do we need to take, FMR first then Rules, or will a bulletin work?

Thanks
Pat

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From: **Ronald Whitley - PME** <ronald.whitley@gsa.gov>
Date: Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 7:54 AM
Subject: Re: Sleeping in a federal building
To: Patrick Fee <patrick.fee@gsa.gov>

Good Morning

Follow-up to yesterday's discussion. Provided below as highlighted is draft language for consideration for inclusion into the 'Rules and Regulations Governing Conduct on Federal Property.'

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On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 3:02 PM Patrick Fee - PME <patrick.fee@gsa.gov> wrote:
Next steps?

Thanks
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From: **JEFFREY Domber - LR** <jeff.domber@gsa.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 11:14 AM
Subject: Fwd: Sleeping in a federal building
To: Ronald Whitley <ronald.whitley@gsa.gov>
Cc: Patrick Fee (PMB) <patrick.fee@gsa.gov>, David Leib - LR <david.leib@gsa.gov>

third and final message from my archive on this subject

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From: **Jeffrey Domber (LR)** <jeff.domber@gsa.gov>
Date: Thu, May 17, 2012 at 6:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Sleeping in a federal building
To: "Dennis Goldstein (M1PA)" <dennis.goldstein@gsa.gov>, "Nadine Burns (M1PM)" <nadine.burns@gsa.gov>

fyi, more discussion on the subject matter follows below

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From: **Debra Yap (PCB)** <debra.yap@gsa.gov>
Date: Wed, May 16, 2012 at 3:18 PM
Subject: Re: Sleeping in a federal building
To: "Paula Demuth (LDW)" <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>
Cc: "David Leib (LR)" <david.leib@gsa.gov>, "Jeffrey Domber (LR)" <jeff.domber@gsa.gov>

Okay. Thanks. Right now we'll probably focus on the issue around the building being meant for conduct of official business.

I still have an inquiry out on the Life Safety Code issue. I.e. the building is not residential.

Debra W. Yap
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On May 16, 2012 2:24 PM, "Paula Demuth (LDW)" <paula.demuth@gsa.gov> wrote:
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On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 3:25 PM, David Leib (LR) <david.leib@gsa.gov> wrote:

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--Dave

On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 2:40 PM, Debra Yap (PCB) <debra.yap@gsa.gov> wrote:

Dave Frable with Fire/Life Safety is also looking in to code issues relating to habitation in non-residential space.

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On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 2:36 PM, David Leib (LR) <david.leib@gsa.gov> wrote:

or weather issues where we are told to shelter in place.

--Dave

On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 2:11 PM, Debra Yap (PCB) <debra.yap@gsa.gov> wrote:

OH - and yes, I think we should include this in future versions of the FMR's if this is a consistent issue we should just address it head on.

Having said that ... we need to allow for emergency situations when we want to have people on a 24/7 basis ... like COOP, or if there were an emergency, the buildings mgt. staff might have to spend the night.


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On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 2:06 PM, Jeffrey Domber (LR) <jeff.domber@gsa.gov> wrote:
some additional thoughts from Barry

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From: **Barry Segal (LR)** <barry.segal@gsa.gov>
Date: Tue, May 15, 2012 at 2:01 PM
Subject: Re: Sleeping in a federal building
To: "Jeffrey Domber (LR)" <jeff.domber@gsa.gov>

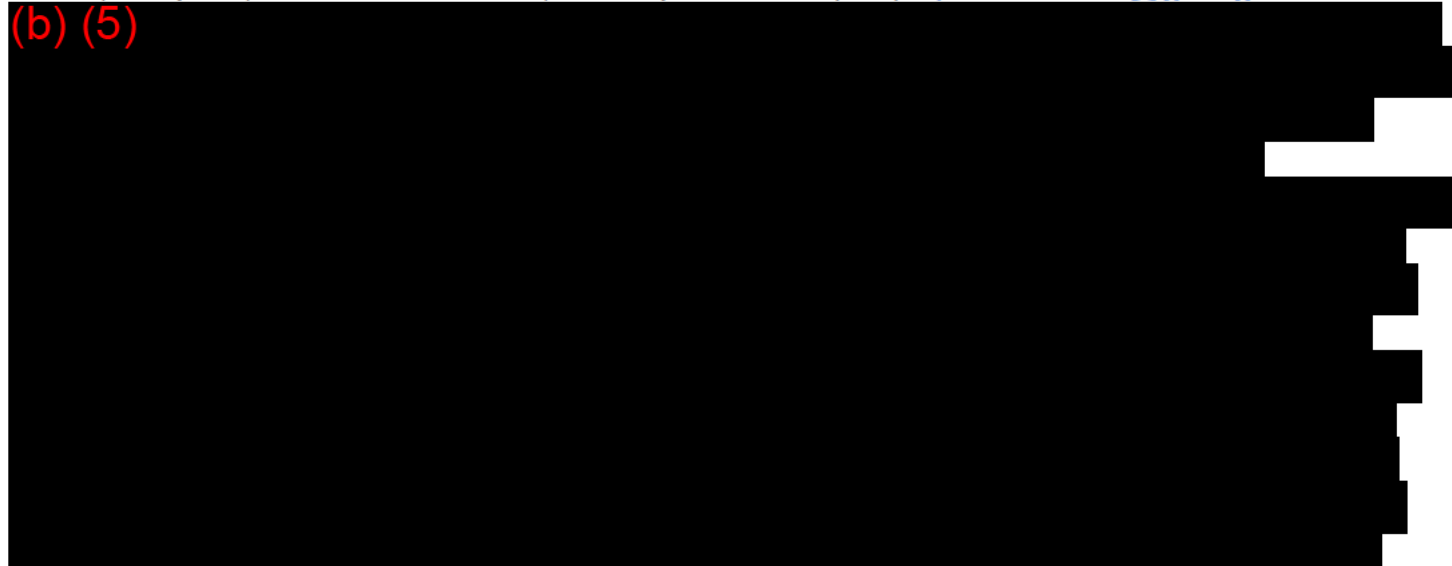
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On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 1:18 PM, Jeffrey Domber (LR) <jeff.domber@gsa.gov> wrote:

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... Jeff

On Tue, May 15, 2012 at 12:24 PM, Barry Segal (LR) <barry.segal@gsa.gov> wrote:
Can you give her a call?

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From: **Debra Yap (PCB)** <debra.yap@gsa.gov>
Date: Tue, May 15, 2012 at 12:13 PM
Subject: Sleeping in a federal building
To: David Leib <david.leib@gsa.gov>, Barry Segal <barry.segal@gsa.gov>

I thought there was a prohibition against sleeping in a federal building after hours (during work hours is a different issue, I know). I thought it was in a building rules and regulations, but I can't find anything that addresses that in 101-20 - or maybe I didn't look hard enough.

Do you know where/what the rule is about sleeping in a federal building? In a non-emergency situation. We have an issue ...

Thanks,

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